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**SENATE BILL 348**

Short Title: Tuition for Dependents of Deployed Military. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Atwater and Brown.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE IN-STATE TUITION AT COMMUNITY COLLEGES FOR ONE  
3 YEAR TO DEPENDENTS OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED SERVICES DEPLOYED  
4 OVERSEAS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115D-39 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7 "(d) In addition, any dependent relative of a member of the armed services not qualifying  
8 as a resident for tuition purposes under G.S. 116-143.1 is eligible for the State resident  
9 community college tuition rate under the following conditions:

- 10 (1) The member of the armed services was stationed in North Carolina within  
11 the preceding 10 years.  
12 (2) The member of the armed services is currently or has received orders or  
13 other official documentation deploying that member overseas within the next  
14 six months for a deployment to exceed one year.  
15 (3) The dependent relative resides in North Carolina as a result of the member's  
16 deployment.  
17 (4) The dependent relative is sponsored by a North Carolina resident who  
18 provides a signed affidavit to the community college verifying that the North  
19 Carolina resident accepts financial responsibility for the student's tuition and  
20 any other required educational fees.

21 A dependent relative is eligible for the State resident community college tuition rate under  
22 this subsection for no more than 12 months. A North Carolina resident may sponsor no more  
23 than two nonresident students annually under this subsection. For purposes of this subsection,  
24 the term "armed services" shall mean the United States Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine  
25 Corps, and Navy, the North Carolina National Guard; and any Reserve Component of the  
26 foregoing."

27 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2011, and applies beginning with  
28 the 2011-2012 school year.

